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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 10, 12 – 16, 18 – 26, 28, 30 – 39, 42, 44 – 55, 57, 59, and 65 – 68 are pending in the application. Claim 61 has been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

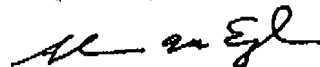
The Applicant reserves the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the canceled claims, the claims to non-elected inventions, the claims as originally filed, and any other claims supported by the specification. Any amendments made to the claims herein were made solely to expedite and facilitate prosecution and were not made nor should they be construed to have been made to overcome any issue of unpatentability of the claims prior to amendment or in acquiescence of the Examiner's rejections to the claims.

Further to the comments set forth in the prior response, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to U.S. Patent 6,166,301, a copy of which is provided herewith. In particular, the Examiner is directed to column 8, lines 23 – 33 and column 9, lines 1 – 29 wherein the applicants of such patent point to a PCT application (WO 96/40924) which is related to the present US application as providing support for cotton fiber specific promoters including the rac13 promoter. Further, the Examiner is directed to Example 1 (column 10, line 28), wherein the rac13 promoter described in the present application is used and provides cotton fiber specific gene expression.

In light of the above arguments and amendments, it is submitted that all of the pending claims are in condition for full and complete allowance and therefore, such action is respectfully requested.

If there are any issues or amendments the Examiner wishes to discuss, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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